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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana tennis team is in Moscow, Ida., for the Big Sky championship matches scheduled Friday and Saturday on the University of Idaho courts.

Coach Jack McWhorter said Idaho has to be the favorite to retain the conference title. Weber State and Montana are strong contenders, the Grizzly coach added.

Number three singles star Fred King is the only Grizzly defending a title at the matches; however, Montana's Rick Ferrell, Chris Green and Gary Israel are returning veterans from the 1969 finals.

McWhorter's Tips are 9-3 on the season and 7-2 in Big Sky action. Weber State defeated Montana in the season's opener in Ogden, 6-3 and last weekend Idaho blanked the Grizzlies, 9-0.

McWhorter will have Ferrell, number one singles, Dick Miller, number two singles, King, number three singles, Chris Green, number four singles, Gary Israel, number five singles and Steve Green, number six singles.

In the doubles competition, the UM coach will pit Ferrell and Chris Green, number one, Miller and King, number two and Israel and Al Shiotsuka, number three.

Last year Montana finished in third position with 15 points. The Vandals totalled 20 and Weber State netted 16.

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